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1. South Vietnam

Ky now says that the government will have to make some political concessions before it attempts a military solution in Da Nang. Accordingly, he sent a letter today to the Buddhist leader Tam Chau, agreeing to hold a constitutional convention within six months if Tam Chau in turn will put out an order to stop the antigovernment agitation.

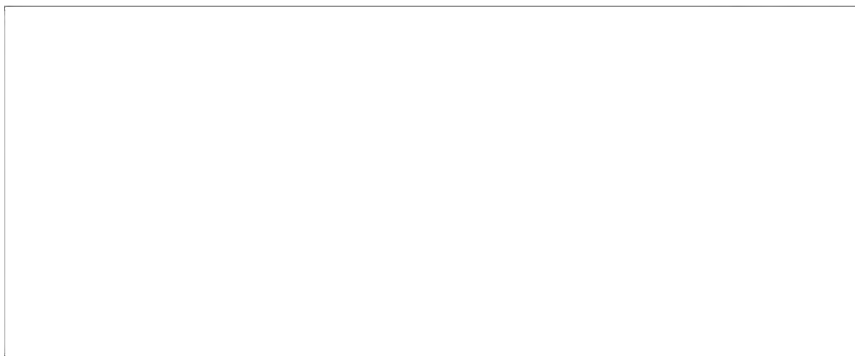
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2. Soviet Union



3. India

Today's 24-hour strike in the Calcutta area has touched off a new wave of violence. The militant extremists in back of the strike are using food shortages as the pretext, but they are really out for a test of strength with the government.

4. Zambia

A wave of wildcat strikes is disrupting the copper industry. Native Zambian miners are unhappy at being paid less than white expatriates working in the same mines.

This is a dilemma for Kaunda, but the hard economic facts in Zambia oblige him to try to preserve the status quo for a while longer. He is trying persuasion and minor concessions in the hope of avoiding drastic action to end the strikes.

5. France

The last of the three nuclear reactors at Chinon, France's major commercial nuclear power venture, has begun operating. When all three reach full capacity next year, they could provide France with about four percent of its electric power needs.



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6. Latin America

The split between "political" and "revolutionary" Communists in Latin America is coming to the fore again at the party congress in Moscow.

Recent speeches there by the Argentine, Chilean, and Uruguayan Communist leaders all stressed the desirability of forming political alliances with other "democratic" parties. By implication, all three rejected the Cuban delegate's earlier strident call for armed revolution.

The delegates from Ecuador and Peru, where Chinese Communist machinations have been most damaging to the old-line parties, were vehement in their speeches today against the "subversives manipulated from afar" who try to break up their parties.

7. Haiti

Duvalier has launched another of his drives against real or imagined plotters. [REDACTED]

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As usual, the paranoic Duvalier is blaming the US. [REDACTED]

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8. Panama

Foreign Minister Eleta says his government will be ready next month to present its counterproposals to the US canal and base rights treaty drafts that were handed to Panama in January. The Panamanians have significant changes in mind.

Eleta also said that he and President Robles are thinking seriously of inviting all former Panamanian presidents to discuss the counterdrafts prior to the next meeting with the US negotiators.

Eleta's primary motive would be to give Arnulfo Arias an opportunity to become involved and thus undermine his claim that the opposition has been excluded. Arias, however, is unlikely to do anything to weaken his insistence that no treaty concluded by the "illegal" Robles government would be acceptable.

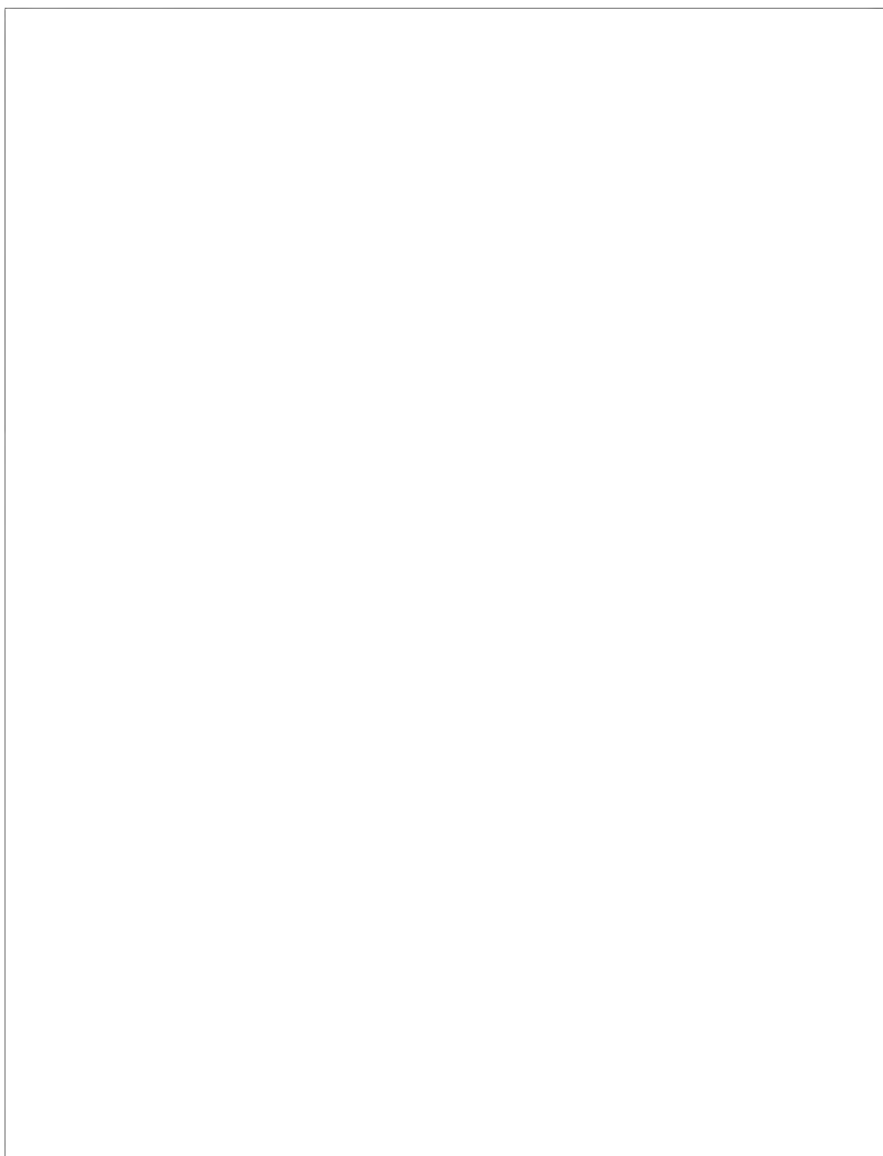
9. Soviet Union

The Soviet MIG-17 that crashed today in a West Berlin river is being salvaged by the British. The Soviets made several attempts during the afternoon to get to the crash site and the British are protesting these intrusions. No other Soviet reaction has yet been reported. The Allies have agreed on a formal protest to the Soviets over the "irresponsible flying" which caused the accident.

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10. North Vietnam

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